

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates

Outdoor Ed

November 14-15

Dear Families,

Outdoor Education

Our Outdoor Ed trip is this week. Please take a look at the parent information letter and suggested packing list posted on the wiki. We will be travelling to the Lorado Taft Field Campus in Oregon, IL. Please check the weather forecast for Thursday and Friday and make sure your child packs appropriately. Contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have questions about Outdoor Ed.

Coat Drive

The Holmes Girls Scout Junior Troop (4th grade) are collecting winter clothing on behalf of Kids' Kloset. They are collecting sturdy, gently used, clean, cold weather children's clothes with no holes or large stains, including outerwear, backpacks and footwear. Only new underwear and socks will be accepted. There is a special need for larger sizes (12- 20), boys' clothes, and like-new shoes and coats. A donation box will be in the Holmes school lobby between **October 29—November 15**. Troop leaders will pick up your donation if you can't drop it off. Please email gs41757@gmail.com.

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Custom Typing from home to begin practicing keyboarding skills. The Custom Typing program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is: <http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS

Art - [www.http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com) 5th grade artists are looking at the artwork Keith Haring, paying attention to how he uses lines. Our project is called "The Longest Line." On a 12"x18" piece of paper we put a dot in the corner and carefully began drawing one continuous line. The line may never be more than ½" an inch away from another line and may never cross over itself. It would then make a shape, no shapes! It may change styles as many times as they like and finally it must end back at the dot where we started. Lastly, we trace our hands (left and right) over our lines. This made our hands fill up with shapes. We colored these shapes with markers. Sound confusing? Take a look!

Music - We are continuing recorder this week so if your student has not brought it yet, please read the following: **Recorders are \$6 cash, check (to district 97) or can be bought through the Holmes school store. They will lose points off of their effort grade if they do not have a**

recorder. Last week, we learned about the music of Ancient Rome and review our notes on the recorder. Students who are new to the recorder should consider joining the Recorder Karate club Wednesdays at 11:45 to catch up in their recorder skills.

Chorus - Our next chorus performance will be Saturday, November 23rd at the Oak Park Arms. The permission slip was sent home this week. **If you do not receive it, please email me at akaria@op97.org.** We will be singing at the end of the year at a Chicago Sky (women's basketball) game at half time. The date is TBD because the season dates will not be decided on till January. I will need some parental help with this performance. If you are interested in being a chorus parent please email me at akaria@op97.org.

Spanish - Lynn Allen from the Multicultural Center will be here on Tuesday for presentations on Latino and Hispanic heritage as well as El Dia de los Muertos. Students will be beginning a new story and working with a song in preparation for the Spanish and Music Showcase in December.
<http://www.mpoleski.blogspot.com/> .

Library - READING OLYMPIANS! Money for your TOTALLY OPTIONAL district-wide reading olympics t-shirt is due this Friday, November 15. Please bring cash or check (made out to the Mann PTO!) and your order form to Ms. Maneck. Keep reading! The library home page is <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/> . As always, feel free to email me with questions mmaneck@op97.org .

Physical Education - (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com) Heartland adventure is heading our way in p.e. for the entire month of November. This is an activity that teaches our boys and girls the functions of the circulatory and respiratory systems. Also our annual turkey trot is scheduled for November 25, 2013, more information to come.

Resource

Ms. Rose has created a new blog for the families of her Resource students. For more information on her activities, please visit: [Ms. Rose- Resource Support](#)

Reading/Literature

Can you believe that we've finished reading *Bud, Not Buddy*? We'll use this week to look at the larger themes in the book and try to decipher the messages authors try to send through their writing.

Writing

Students will use some of their writing time to work on their Science research papers. In addition, students will log on to Custom Typing to practice keyboarding skills. The Custom Typing program is accessible from the District's website, and students should be practicing keyboarding skills at home.

Math

Students will finish their decimal mosaics today. Tomorrow, we will have a mid-module assessment covering 5.NBT.1 (place value), 5.NBT.2 (multiplying and dividing by powers of 10), 5.NBT.3 (read, write and compare decimals) and 5.NBT.4 (round decimals). We have been using place value charts and vertical number lines to work rounding decimals. A blank place value chart and a vertical number line are posted on the Math page of the 5th grade wiki. You can print these out for use at home.

Science

We will have science only on Tuesday this week. We will have a short quiz on carbon in our environment.

Social Studies

This week we will be visited by Lynn Allen, the director of the District 97 Multi-Cultural center. She will be giving a presentation on Native Americans and will bring all sorts of interesting artifacts for us to examine.

Please check the Wiki to see when it is your student's week to be a reporter for our Current events project and present a current event he/she finds important and relevant. All the materials are available on our Wiki (<http://5k-socialstudies.wikispaces.com/home>).

Spelling/Word Study

Due to our Outdoor Education Field Trip Word Study will be done in class. There will not be any Spelling Words. We will continue to learn vocabulary from Bud, Not Buddy and discuss the denotation and connotation of words.

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